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This responds to the Final Office Action dated September 21, 2007. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.